

## **PTO Meeting August 10, 2023**

### **Kelly Slattery called meeting to order at 7:15p**

**Members Present** – Mary Suvak, Principal Martin, Jared Sprogis, Julie Zettl, Kelly Slattery, Barb Somrack, Eric Sukalac, Lisa Adair, Jennifer Wolf

**Closed meeting – no parents or teachers present**

**Opening Prayer** – Kelly Slattery – Acting President

### **Election of New Officers – Candidates:**

- **President:** Kelly Slattery
- **Vice President:** Lisa Adair
- **Treasurer:** Jared Sprogis
- **Secretary:** Barb Somrack
  
- Motion to approve all candidates: 1<sup>st</sup> – Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Clara Murray will no longer be on the PTO board, since becoming a teacher, need to fill open seat.
- Discussion of possible candidates – Mr Martin will reach out to candidates

**Secretary's report** – approval of minutes from 5/11/23 - 1<sup>st</sup> – Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jared. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

- No report due to transition from 2022/23 treasurer to new treasurer. Jared reported current account balances:
  - **Current Checking Balance: \$18,000.65**
  - **Savings Balance: \$28,843.65**
- Motion to receive - 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barb

### **Boosters Report –**

- We have 2 Volleyball teams, soccer sign ups close tomorrow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball combined with St. Anselm, 5-8 remained St Helen teams
- We have multiple soccer teams, but no U12 and no U15
- Mary proposed possible cornhole tournament fundraiser for Boosters – in very early stages of planning

### **Principal's Report –**

- Teachers will report Monday and have teacher training all week
- Due to EdChoice expansion, 24 new kids have joined our school so far, more families will be added to PTO outreach list.
- Discussion of EdChoice application process.

### **Presidents Report –**

Kelly excited and optimistic for successful year, open to suggestion on process and policy, committed to moving meetings along to avoid getting sidetracked

### **Old Business – None**

### **New Business –**

- Proposed meeting schedule for PTO, meetings will be scheduled for the first Thursday of every month, other than months where there is a conflict (January, April) due to school breaks. No meeting in December:
  - **Aug 10**
  - **Sept 7**
  - **Oct 5**
  - **Nov 2**
  - **Jan 11**
  - **Feb 1**
  - **Mar 7**
  - **April 11**
  - **May 2**
  
- Mr. Martin and Kelly will discuss issues to be included in agenda, members should have items for inclusion in agenda submitted beforehand
- Kelly will try to get agenda to members ahead of meeting
- Secretary and Treasurer should get their reports to Kelly the day before all meetings if possible, if not able then they need to print off enough copies for meeting
- Discussion of school calendar and communication apps. Eric Sukalac and Mr. Martin to discuss options.

### **Calendar of Events**

- Night at the Races fundraiser scheduled for November 11
- Dine Outs should be reported to Mr. Martin for promotion on school calendar
- Movie Night on School Supply Drop Off Night August 18, 8p: Showing Mario Brothers movie
  - Jared will request to borrow screen from LifeTeen
  - Mr Martin has projector
  - Kelly will purchase chips only, no drinks
  - Will set up in same place as last year
- Discussion of Wedding shower for Emily Cross. Hope Bartholomew has requested room parents to circulate request for donations from parents to enable class gifts.

### **Financial Fraudulent Protection Notification from Brianna –**

- Diocese has suggested all church associated checking accounts have Positive Pay to prevent fraudulent transactions
- Fees of \$264 per year, motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> – Jared, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eric. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Night at Races –**

- Barb requested board review catering menu and discuss options to save money, improve menu choices
- Suggested to increasing ticket price by \$5 to cover better food options
- Suggested Sign Up Genius for volunteers, including clean up
- Suggested members calling families to invite personally
- Suggested adding promotion of fundraisers in form of email and more strongly encouraging younger families to attend
- Barb to make promotional flier for next week

**Barb to make PTO flier** for next week with meeting dates – add members names or just elected members names

### **Discussion on how to encourage greater involvement from parents, especially young families**

- Encouraging room parents to attend PTO meetings
- Calling new families to personally invite to fundraiser events
- One parent per class hosting a parents night out to build parent community and involvement per grade level, ideas included Derthicks corn maze, drinks out at Zeppes, etc
- Grade-level Facebook group or other open forum for communication between parents
- Discussion of hosting a family cookout with hot dogs or potluck. Will consider for year end or for 2024, could be hosted at a local park or pavilion

### **Parent volunteer participation form**

- room parents
- include instructions to coordinate a parent night out in room parent instructions

### **Discussion of ways to promote PTO –**

- Mr. Martin to look into getting a PTO page on the school website

### **Jared requested considering more faith formation experiences/field trips for students**

- Benedictine monks
- Visits to convents
- Mariapach shrine / Christ the Bridegroom

**Closing prayer – Kelly Slattery**

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.**